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## OWYHEE DISTRICT IS GIVEN SLIGHT HOPES

**DIRECTOR ARTHUR P. DAVIS TELLS COMMITTEE THAT MAGNITUDE OF OWYHEE PROJECT MILITATES AGAINST FAVORABLE PRESENT ACTION**

## SECRETARY FALL VISITS REGION

**Reclamation Officials Visit Idaho Projects—See Arrow Rock Dam—Discuss Future of Irrigation—Powder River is Favored For Immediate Work**

There is but slight hope that the Owyhee Irrigation district will be selected by the officials of the Reclamation Service for construction under the provisions of the original reclamation act, or that the funds which it is intended shall be withdrawn from the Deschutes project will be transferred for development here.

This was the discouraging message which the committee which interviewed Director Arthur P. Davis at Nampa Sunday received.

"The fact that the Owyhee Project will entail the expenditure of so large a sum, and that it must be built as a whole and not in separate units, stands in its way. The department cannot with the small sum available to it, accomplish any real good here, while with a small sum, the storage dam for the Powder River project can be built," said Mr. Davis.

**As Cheap As Any In West**  
The committee has been assured that per acre the project can be built as cheaply as any in the West, and therefore it is not going to cease its efforts to get all of the preliminary steps underway so that in the event of the passage of the Smith-McNary bill, it will be in a position to stress its claims for recognition under the new measure.

In this effort the committee was encouraged by the reclamation officials who declared that so far as getting the preliminary work done, the Owyhee Project was further advanced than any project in the west.

It is apparent too, so far as securing funds under the proposed Smith-McNary bill that the Owyhee will be in a favorable position, with the other two big Oregon projects out of the way the Owyhee Project would, apparently be without opposition.

**Secretary Sees Arrow Rock**  
The visit of the reclamation officials, and the discussion which the committee had was one of the incidents connected with the visit of Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall, who is on a tour of the west viewing the National Parks, the Indian Reservations and the Reclamation works, all of which are under his supervision.

Secretary Fall arrived in his private car at Boise Saturday morning and was met by a delegation of Idaho reclamation boosters from Boise, Caldwell, Nampa, Mountain Home and other points. Officially he was the guest of the State and Governor Davis and his associate state officials, aided by the Boise Chamber of Commerce provided the entertainment. Immediately after breakfast the party went to Arrow Rock where the big dam was viewed, inside and out. Afterwards a lunch-

## Using Dealer's License for Private Purpose gets Vale Man in Toils

H. E. Young, proprietor of the Eastern Oregon Auto company at Vale ran foul of the traffic regulations this morning when his truck, with a dealer's license, was caught near the Snake River bridge here enroute to Payette with 12 big gasoline drums to be loaded with gasoline for sale at Vale. Jay Saltzman, field deputy and inspector from the motor vehicle department made the arrest and tied up the car at the police station until Mr. Young secured a temporary license.

Since the state gasoline tax is paid by the wholesaler the ordinary check on such matters could hardly be obtained with purchases thus hauled into the state so the Vale man is liable to be prosecuted un-

## JORDAN VALLEY MEN WANT TO SEE ROADWAY PROTECTED

Fred Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Looney of Jordan Valley were in town Monday enroute to Vale where they had legal matters requiring their attention. Uppermost in their minds, though, was the thought that something be done to save the road which has been built in Jordan Valley. "Unless the grading done this season is given a gravel surface the work will be almost useless next spring," said Mr. Looney. "When the stages and trucks go over it in the winter they cut it to pieces, and we cannot help it, for there is no other way for Jordan Valley to get supplies, save by road."

## CLUB DAY AT COUNTY FAIR NO BE THURSDAY

**Local Leaders To Have Luncheon At Wilson Hotel—Mr. Seymour, State Club Leader To Be Present**

The club members of Malheur County are to have one day of the County Fair, Thursday, September 15, designated especially for them. From all reports, nearly every club member in the County is planning to be there.

An educational as well as entertaining program will begin promptly at 11:00 A. M. The Vale Poultry Club Culling Team, consisting of Wesley Vines, Leslie Bland, Harold Hadley and Henry Loyd Lumpee, will demonstrate how to cull the poor layers. A demonstration team from the Big Bend Corn Club will show some of the best ways of storing seed corn. The members of this team are Elmer and Carl Parker, Wilbur and Wesley Roberts. Two demonstrations of especial interest to the women will be put on by the Sunshine Canning Club of Brogan and the Kingman Colony Canning Club. The girls will demonstrate the cold pack method of canning.

At 12:30 P. M. the Local Club Leaders will have lunch at the Wilson Hotel. Mr. Seymour, State Club Leader will be present and give a short talk.

In the afternoon, the judging contest will take place. Five pig club judging teams have signified their intentions of entering the contest. The competition in this contest is very keen, as each team is determined to win the trip to the State Fair.

son was served at the Owyhee hotel, following which the Secretary viewed the Boise Valley, the Hill Crest Irrigation district which is proposed as a pumping unit of the Boise project.

**State Officials Active**  
Showing the interest of the Idaho officials in irrigation Governor Davis left the state capital and will be with the Secretary during his entire stay in the state, and Congressman Smith came out from Washington to join them at American Falls when that big project will be investigated. While the Secretary was in Oregon no member of the delegation took time to accompany him to any of the Oregon projects.

The committee which went to Boise Saturday from Ontario was W. H. Doolittle, P. J. Gallagher, Ivan E. Oakes, George K. Aiken and J. A. Robertson; on Sunday the committee was Messrs. Doolittle and Gallagher and W. J. Pinney and D. W. Powers.

## ONTARIO SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 19

**Instructions Given Pupils Concerning Regulations for Registration—Pupils Sometimes Retarded If Entered Too Young**

The Ontario Public Schools, open for the 1921-22 term on Monday September 19th, at 8:45 o'clock.

"All grade pupils will report to the rooms to which they were promoted at the close of school last spring. In cases where there are two rooms doing the same grade of work, go to either of them. Pupils will then be told exactly which room and teacher they have been assigned," says J. M. McDonald, superintendent of Schools.

"All children entering the first grade will report to either of the first grade rooms at the West Side school. As soon as possible they will be evenly divided between the two first grade teachers. The law permits all pupils six years of age to enter school. If parents insist pupils may be admitted provided they are six years of age before January first. A new class for first grade pupils will be started at the middle of the school year. It should be remembered that children are often retarded in the school work by being started too young. Many of them can do better work by waiting until they are seven years of age.

"All grade pupils coming from other schools should bring report cards showing where they attended school last year and the grades earned.

**How To Enroll**  
"All high school students will present themselves for enrollment according to the following schedule: "Seniors and Post Graduates, Monday, Sept. 19th, between 8 a. m. and 12 m.; Juniors, Monday, Sept. 19th, between 1:30 p. m. and 5 p. m.; Sophomores, Tuesday, Sept. 20th between 8 a. m. and 12 m.; Freshman, Tuesday, Sept. 20th, between 1:30 p. m. and 5 p. m. "All students coming from other high schools must bring official statements of their grades when they enroll.

"All freshmen or first year students, who are not graduates of the Ontario grade school must bring diplomas signed by the county superintendent.

"Regular classwork begins on Wednesday, September 21st.

"There will be a general meeting of all Ontario teachers at the High School building Saturday afternoon, Sept. 17th at 3 p. m."

## FOOTBALL TEAM GETS EXCELLENT SCHEDULE

**Ontario Fans To See Leaders Of Scholastic League Play Here—New Coach Expected Here Sunday—Many Candidates To Try For Team**

Ontario football fans will, this fall, see the best football games witnessed here in years. Not only is there every prospect for an exceptionally strong team, but the schedule which Superintendent J. M. McDonald was able to secure at the meeting of the southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon scholastic association on Wednesday at Nampa was the best in several years.

This schedule opens the season with Payette at Payette on October 15 followed by Boise here on October 22 and Weiser here on October 29. On November 5 Ontario goes to Caldwell. November 12 is an open date and November 18 Nampa comes here. The Thanksgiving date is open and the locals hope to schedule a game with Baker or La Grande here.

Pre-season games will be arranged with Vale, Nyssa and Fruitland if possible but these schools were not represented at the schedule meeting so will have to be seen later.

**New Coach Coming**  
John T. Hughes, of Central College, Missouri, who has had seven years of actual coaching experience, during which time he has turned out three championship teams of the State of Missouri and two of Oklahoma, has been secured as coach for this fall. He will be professor of History as well as athletic director. His work is known to Superintendent McDonald who secured his services aided by the efforts of a number of business men who subscribed to a fund to pay for the difference between his contract with the board as a teacher and the sum he named as his price. This fund has been raised and Mr. Hughes and his wife are expected here Sunday or Monday.

Mr. Hughes expected first to be here Monday and a meeting of candidates for the team was called for that evening. At that meeting 36 men reported showing the longest list of talent ever shown here. The boys are big huskies and with consistent coaching throughout the season should be able to furnish Ontario with a real team.

Arrangements are being made to have the games played on the ground near the hospital where the baseball games were played this spring, and thus bring the game closer to the city.

## AIRPLANE COMING TO DO STUNTS AT FAIR

**Seven Communities To Strive For Blue Ribbon Prize—Biggest Agricultural Show in Years To Open Next Wednesday Afternoon**

The gates of the Malheur county fair will swing open next Wednesday noon. Seven communities will be on hand with exhibits for the contest for the community prize and this will prove to be the most spirited contest in years.

There are two reasons for this. The crops this year are more varied in more sections. The prize is larger and there is a greater interest being shown with the additional entries.

Vale, for example, which has not hitherto competed for this honor is stepping out to demonstrate that it has a diversity of agricultural interests of which the people in this end of the valley know little or nothing. Vale intends to show them.

Then Nyssa is not going to be shown, if it can help itself, while Oregon Slope which got a taste of what it could do last year is coming back to clean-up on its competitors, while the Cairo district is determined to retrieve last honors.

Down in the Adrian district which has won so often that it once thought that it was a habit which could always be maintained, has wonderful possibilities and men who know how to make the most of them. Consequently the men who defeat Adrian will have to show real class. Brogan and Jamison with their big fruit crops have everything ready at hand for a winning display and it is but a question of getting the time to get them together.

**Airplane Coming**  
Secretary V. V. Hickox this week prepared to have an airplane ready to take Malheur county high flyers up and to do stunts during the fair and that with the arrangements being made for the display of products has kept the secretary at work.

The crowd at the fair will be larger it is believed for the agricultural section will be free. Then Thursday the club boys and girls will give demonstrations and show what they can do.

A carnival company is headed for Ontario for Fair week and the American Legion is going to hold a series of dances so that there will be amusements for the crowd.

## "POTATO" SMITH LEASES RANCH FROM REX MARQUIS NEAR VALE

"Potato" Smith has leased the Rex Marquis ranch four miles this side of Vale on the John Day Highway. The terms of the lease are for three years on the basis of one third of the crop to the lessee.

Mr. Smith takes charge of the property immediately, having purchased the third cutting of hay on the place, and will plow the crop under. Plowing will start next week.

The lease in itself is not the big feature of this story. It is the fact that Mr. Smith is enlarging his operations in this section. Last year he leased the W. J. Finney ranch between here and Nyssa and his son-in-law operated the ranch this year securing a big crop. His son will operate the Marquis ranch.

The significant thing about the entire matter is that the coming of Mr. Smith presages great development of the potato industry in this section, for Mr. Smith has followed, or rather lead in the potato game first in Greeley, Colorado, then in Idaho, and now comes to Malheur county. As the land in each of these sections becomes worn out from potato culture Mr. Smith moves on to new fields. When he moves others follow. Undoubtedly many of the Idaho potato growers will follow him here.

## TIRE THIEF CONTINUES HIS ACTIVITIES ABOUT ONTARIO

Monday night was a busy one for the industrious auto thief that works about Ontario. This individual evidently is an early bird; he works early in the evening. While Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coyou were visiting at the J. R. Rasmussen home their car parked in front of the house was relieved of a new spare. The purloiner then walked down a block and took a tire off the car belonging to Murray Brown, beside this they robbed the extra inner tubes in the tool box of the car. No trace of the thief has been found.

William Heiss of Corvallis, Oregon is here this week, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Peterson.

## POLICE RAID MULTNOMAH ROOMS; ARREST PROPRIETORS

Louis Alexander and Thomas Skaras proprietors of the Multnomah rooming house were charged Tuesday with disorderly conduct and fined \$5 each by Judge Stearns. The raid of their place Saturday night by Marshals Farmer and Gordon netted seven men and one woman in a room accompanied by a little booze. Guy Howard in whose room the booze was found put up \$100 for bail and forfeited it. The woman left town.

## WILL CONTINUE FIGHT FOR OWYHEE PROJECT

**Roads and Auto Park As Well As Traffic Bureau To Be Pressed By Commercial Club Members—Much Work To Be Done**

Determined that the apparent setback which the Reclamation officials have given the hopes for immediate action on the Owyhee Project, shall not be considered final, but that the fight shall continue so that the project will be in line for adoption under the new legislation provided in the Smith-McNary bill, the directors of the Commercial club at their meeting yesterday at the Pifer cafe endorsed the work so far carried on and instructed the committee to continue its efforts.

There was no pessimism shown. It was the expressed belief that had the fight for the Owyhee started sooner that success would have crowned the effort. The last chapter in reclamation legislation has not been written. There are many possibilities which may change the situation materially, and it is the purpose of those who have faith in the ultimate worth of the Owyhee being recognized that everything be done to get the project in such shape that it can command the attention of the Oregon delegation and the reclamation officials. To that end the committee was instructed to interview Senators McNary and Stanfield to enlist their further support.

Will J. Roberts and D. M. Taggart directed the attention of the directors to the situation regarding the Cairo to Vale road and urged that a united effort be made with the people of Vale to secure action looking toward the early construction of the highway along the route approved by the State Highway engineers. They reported that all the people along the highway would donate the right-of-way and that with this done the cost of building the road would be \$30,000 less than the cost of rebuilding on the present route. The directors agreed that a united effort should be made and that they would support the effort and join with Vale, Nyssa and the people along the route, in an effort to secure affirmative action.

The need for an auto park for Ontario was briefly touched upon. It was shown that while 15 to 20 auto parties camp nightly at the Payette auto park where facilities are furnished them there is seldom more than four or five camped at the make-shift park which Ontario has furnished. J. A. Lakness urged that some comprehensive plan be prepared for the solution of the auto park problem and also for a public park for the city, the same being made park of one project. This was suggested, along with the traffic bureau question as the subject for a general meeting of all the club members to be called soon.

It was determined that the committee which goes to interview Senator McNary on the Owyhee matter also take up with the highway commission the uncompleted highway work in the county.

## DAIRY CHANGES ITS NAME AND ITS LOCATION AS WELL

Robert Currier who has operated the Knollwood Dairy under that name recently moved from the ranch southwest of the city, to one two and one half miles west and has changed the name of his institution to that of the Moreland Dairy.

## Quack of Ducks and Parrot's Chatter Distrub Neighbors; Pigeons Nuisance

When a big flock of ducks tune up their quackers at 3 a. m. and run a barnyard medley until late in the morning; aided by the cooing of myriad pigeons, and enhanced by the chatter of a parrot during the day, it is time to call a halt, declare the neighbors of A. Zimmerman, who petitioned to the City Council that the presence of the ducks, pigeons and parrot in that section be declared a nuisance that must be abated. The Council agreed with the petitioners and passed a resolution and instructed the marshal to act.

The petition which was presented by A. L. Cockrum recited conditions that apparently justified the protest. Said the petition: Chickens, ducks and pigeons are kept in such a manner as to be a menace to the health of the neighbors, in a yard

## APPRAISERS NAMED TO VALUE RIGHT-OF WAY

**COUNCIL PASSES ORDINANCE EXTENDING OREGON STREET THROUGH TRACTS TO NORTHWEST ENTRY OF OLD OREGON TRAIL**

## BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTED

**Council Prepares to Submit Figures For Cost of Government For Next Year—Three Past Years Expenses Will Be Shown**

Instituting the necessary steps to bring the connection of the Old Oregon Trail into the city through the center of the business district the City Council at its meeting Monday evening passed an ordinance extending Oregon Street through the tracts in Riverside addition, through to the city limits in the Northwest section where the Highway now ends.

Under the provisions of the statute the Council proceeded to name three viewers to appraise the property which is part of the procedure and named, C. C. Hunt of Nyssa, A. M. Johnston of Oregon-Slope and Gilbert W. Dean, county commissioner who lives on the Boulevard south of town.

Messrs. Hunt and Johnston were on the board which acted for the county court in appraising the right of way from Ontario northward on the Old Oregon Trail and are therefore familiar with the duties of such a board. Mr. Dean was chosen as the third disinterested person. Thus no one of the three men will come from Ontario.

**Budget Committee Named**  
The council also named the citizen's budget committee, which under the law passed by the last legislature supervises the preparation and extension of the budget for the coming year. Under this law a citizen's committee of equal number to that of the council must be named, and have before it a statement showing the expenses of the city for three and one half years, last past.

City Recorder C. M. Stearns has prepared the statement of past expenses and a statement of the needs of the city for the coming year for the consideration of the budget committee. The citizens named to consider and pass upon the budget are: A. L. Cockrum, W. F. Homan, T. H. Moore, H. C. Boyer, E. C. Van Petten, E. A. Fraser and H. L. Peterson. Seven were named so that in case any one of the men named cannot serve the list will be complete. The first meeting of the committee with the council will be held this evening.

Owing to the failure of the original purchaser to take the bonds of local improvement district No. 19 they were readvertised and sold to the First National Bank of this city for \$5.

The council ordered the water in the irrigation ditches and work on the cemetery discontinued on September 15. The routine bills were allowed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hale of Weiser were visiting Dr. and Mrs. Moon and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Courtney the past week.

R. R. Cain has been re-appointed postmaster at Craze, Oregon.

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littered with filth, while the ducks start quacking at 3:00 a. m. disturbing the rest of persons of nervous disposition. It was also declared that so thick have the pigeons become that they have littered up the roofs of surrounding residences, the Presbyterian church and the High School, and also that these pigeons have fallen into the chimneys and stopped up the flues, to the discomfort of the owners of the houses.

The petition recited that the Health Officer commanded the property owner to clean up the premises and that this was done but that conditions were rapidly becoming as bad as before. It was reported to, that once last year when the pigeons from this coop became so offensive, at the High School permission was given to shoot them and for a while this aided in reducing the trouble.